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Lights and Shadows at the State Capital.

AUGUSTA, Jan. 27, 1864.

By the Press of Monday I perceive that your regular Augusta correspondent, "Heliog," has been "pitching in" to a former letter of mine with as much vim as was ever displayed by a prize-fighter contending for the belt of bloody-nosed and broken-headed honor. I hope he felt relieved after such an evacuation of bile, and no doubt when he was safely through he felt as though a load had rolled from his capacious shoulders such as has seldom been read of except in Pilgrim's Progress. Your exposure of his errors in relation to your city, leaves little for me to do, and I shall do that little in perfect good nature, and with very little ceremony. So close as far as his statements were liable to mislead and deceive honest-minded people, I do not care for them the amount of a tinker's anathema.

My business here is not to stop and enter into controversy with every spout that may bark at my heels, nor shall I even take the trouble to kick them out of my path. They can take their side of the walk, I will take mine. So long as I deal only with matters that form the topics of common conversation and remark, and touch only those sore spots which all classes of good citizens in Augusta feel to be a reproach, and for which they offer neither defense nor apology, but in view of which they freely confess their mortification, I shall not happen to be flippantly contradicted by one who, either from extreme verbiage or local egotism, supposes a man from Portland, or anywhere else, would consider it an honor to conceal his proportions beneath the "skin of a Kennebecker." I do not fear to trust the general truthfulness of my statements with the hundreds of strangers who have occasion to spend more or less time at this Capital. I may sometimes mistake a matter through misformation, but I have no intention of doing anything of the kind. I beg to suggest to "Heliog," with all his *latit*, that he appears to very much the best advantage in simple prose and in dealing with facts; when he mounts stilts and attempts a work of fiction, as he did in the Press of Monday, he will not add to his laurels.

An educated army officer said of his communication, in my hearing, "it is flowery and amusing, but after all it is filled with d—lies and infernal nonsense." In the best of fellowship, therefore, I advise him to keep within hailing distance of facts, and while "figures do not lie," it is well to remember that he who willfully perverts them, places them in wrong or unjust relations in order to make out a case, will never be held up as an exception to the Jewish King's hasty remark that "all men are liars."

Before taking final leave of "my respected friend" I will say to him, that I propose to attend to my own business as a correspondent of the Press, and without presumption would advise him to do the same, and as he is a citizen of Augusta and I simply a looker-on, a stranger, he need not feel called upon to his every time I have occasion to spit. More than this I half suspect that the editor of the Press, who is both well known and ever much ignorant, may be feign of each other, does not require either of us to be responsible for the other's sayings, or that either should endanger his back by taking a load that no mortal frame can safely bear up under. I don't think the removal or the stability of the seat of Government depends either upon his efforts or mine, nor do I believe I could haul off the granite pile at the south end of the city and anchor it at the south end of the Press, or that it will long occupy its present position if its guardianship rests only with him. So with the profound respect I would say to him, *adieu*.

I shall close this letter with a few facts, suggested by "Heliog's" article, but in no sense intended as a reply to the article. I give them for the information of whom it may concern that the people may understand the matter. Not having the facts before me in relation to the case of subsisting troops in Portland, and the quartering of the nine-months men, I took occasion to apply to Lt. Inman of the regular army, who is the U. S. Quartermaster for Portland District, and also to A. P. Fuller, Esq., of your city, who was Acting Quartermaster at the time the nine-months regiments were quartered at Camp Abraham Lincoln. Many of the facts furnished me by them I find you have already worked up in the Press; I confine myself to those in relation to which you have been silent.

From Mr. Fuller I learn that \$6 per cord was the highest price paid for wood in Portland, for the nine-months regiments, and of the quantity so purchased about 20 cords were turned over to the Maine Troop. Trucking was fifty cents for a single horse load, the same as in Augusta, though the distance was three times as great in Portland, and when double teams were employed the loads were estimated as two single loads at the suggestion of officers at the Capital. The rations furnished at Camp Abraham Lincoln were of a superior quality, and samples of bread sent up from Augusta were found upon inspection to be inferior to bread rejected by the Quartermaster here and thrown back upon the contractor. While all or very nearly all the bills for the nine-months men at Augusta were paid at an early day—an agent having gone to Washington at the expense of the State to attend to them—a large portion of the bills for nine-months regiments in Portland have not yet been paid, and the government allows no interest for delay. Many of those bills, due to persons who could not wait without suffering, were cashed by the Quartermaster and still remain unpaid by the government. I am satisfied that Capt. Drinkerhoff has never authorized the use of his name in a way that would imply anything wrong, in the mode or the price of subsisting troops, or the quality of the food, for the nine-months men at your city, for the kindest relations subsisted between him and the officers at that post, and I have reasons for believing that he regarded the bills there contracted as reasonable as those at any other post.

Lieut. Inman informs me—and says his books are open for inspection—that the whole expense per month for a regiment of a thousand men, for straw, at \$11 per ton, the highest price ever paid by him is \$66, each man being allowed 12 lbs. for his bedstead. The only instance in which \$15.50 was charged, was for a load, was for a double team to Fort Preble, a distance of nearly 81 miles, was charged a distance of nearly 81 miles. The highest price paid by Government for wood in '92, by contract, was \$6.35. Some small lots have been cost higher.

No wood is burnt either at Camp Berry, or of the Forts in the harbor, or at any office connected with the military operations of the government in or near Portland. Coal is used

altogether. This is delivered by contract, where required for use, at \$10 per ton. The equivalent for a cord of hard wood, allowed by government is 1500 lbs. of coal, which would make the price of wood \$7.50 per cord. Wood would require sawing and otherwise preparing for the stoves, taking the time of able-bodied soldiers who would otherwise be engaged in drill. The government allows one-sixth of a cord of wood per month, with thirty-three and one third per cent. added for latitude north of 43 degrees, from Nov. 1 to April 30 inclusive, to each enlisted man and laundress in the United States service. Where wood is used experience shows, says Lt. Inman, that very seldom will any surplus remain, whereas not less than \$1500 has been saved from the coal of a single month allowed by the regulations, after allowing the bread all to be baked with the surplus, and this, too, in the supply for less than a regiment of a thousand men, including officers.

The cost of rations delivered at the different camps and forts near Portland, at the present time, is a fraction less than twenty cents per man a day. Can Augusta do better than this? To show that the rations are not restricted in variety we give the list as handed us by Lt. Inman, to wit: Fresh and salt beef, pork, hams, flour, hard bread, corn meal, rice, beans, coffee, sugar, vinegar, candles, soap, salt, pepper, pickles, molasses, tea, desiccated mixed vegetables, desiccated potatoes, fresh potatoes.

The quality of the rations is indicated by the fact that the flour is superfine, the sugar is J. B. Brown's, A. A., the coffee is bought by government in the berry, and roasted under the personal superintendence of Capt. E. D. Brigham, (than whom there is no better commissary in the U. S. service) and no adulteration is added; best black tea, and all other articles of the first quality. I think such a variety of such articles would do no discredit to the larder of any hotel either in this Capital or at the "natural seaport."

Two facts and I will close. When the nine-months regiments were at Camp Lincoln all articles of clothing and camp and garrison equipage, were transported to Augusta, either directly through Portland and then sent back, thus greatly increasing the expense of that post. The same was true in some instances of subsistence stores.

To show how little Portland has profited in trade from the rendezvousing of the conscripts and enlisted men there, the past season and at the present time, it is only useful to say that the Quartermaster is obliged to draw all his commissary stores from the U. S. Quartermaster at Boston, no merchant of Portland has adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cram, of Brunswick, the resolutions were laid on the table, and agreed to be printed, and Wednesday next assigned for their consideration.

Mr. Lynch, of Portland, by leave, introduced a resolution providing for the removal of the seat of government to Portland, which, under rule lies over one day.

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A letter from New Orleans. We do not know what foundation there is for the statements in the following extract, but we are unwilling to believe that President Lincoln has designedly given any instruction not in harmony with the views of the loyal Union men of Louisiana.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburg Gazette.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 27, 1864.—The accounts of the great meeting held in New Orleans, in favor of holding a State Convention, to do away with slavery, brought the following letter to a leading Louisiana Congressman, from one of the most prominent leaders of the free state movement in Louisiana. Of the statements, I know nothing, beyond the fact that the writer is a man of undoubted character, veracity and position, and hence I print his name, but it is at the service of anyone officially interested in inquiring into facts:

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9, 1864.—DEAR SIR: President Lincoln has started a base moult case in Louisiana, and has made Gen. Banks our master, and Banks is another Schofield, only worse than he. On our meeting last evening was a complete success, but its object will be defeated by the base moult case. I direct from the President, declares his purpose to order an election for State Government, and not to allow an election for a convention, thus playing into the hands of Colman, Ridgell and Fields, and this crew. The Union men are thunderstruck by the course of the President in this matter. We were not informed of the President's orders to Banks until the hour of the meeting last night, and the meeting was not informed of it at all.

Gen. Shepley, who is generally liked, and who has done all he could to promote the free state cause and to organize a free State Government, will resign his position, and will be purely a military dictation, and will be so regarded. I know not the secret spring of all these acts of the President and Banks. The President has probably been misled by interested base men. His true friends, and the friends of his measures are much grieved by the course he has authorized. It is certain that Banks has the unshaken confidence of Mr. Lincoln. He is regarded as a man of high character, and his military talents of that officer. It is not possible to get the President to countermand his order to Banks immediately, and let the people manage matters as they have begun to do?

## MAINE LEGISLATURE.

AUGUSTA, Jan. 27.

SENATE.

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## ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

On the first page—The Logic and End of the Rebellion, by Hon. Israel Washburn, Jr.

On the fourth page—Patriotic Song, original poetry.

The small pox is alarmingly prevalent at Nashville, Tennessee.

The sum of \$4000 was recently paid for a pew in King's Chapel, Boston.

Garibaldi has issued a proclamation calling on the Italians to unite under the banner of Victor Emmanuel.

The navigation of many points in Northern Europe has been stopped by the intense cold.

Richmond papers say that Alexander H. Stephens is dangerously ill at his residence in Augusta, Ga.

James Clayton, private in Co. D, 9th Maine volunteers, was drowned on Sunday, in New York harbor, by falling from the Steamer Cosmopolitan.

The report that one hundred and fifty Indiana soldiers recently perished from cold and starvation, during a march from Cumberland Gap to Louisville, is contradicted, as such stories generally are after they have been in the news.

The Ellsworth American came out last week in an entire new dress "cap" and we congratulate our contemporary on its success as it is well merited. The American is one of the most unwavering loyal papers in the State.

After the House of Representatives, at Augusta was called to order by the Speaker, on Wednesday forenoon, it was announced that the "Battle Cry of Freedom" would be sung by Messrs. Shaw, Goodwin, Lovell, Smith Leavitt and Reeves of this city. It was received with rapturous applause.

Rev. Mr. Smyth of Dublin, and Mr. Revel, with whom our people are somewhat acquainted, will visit this city the first of February, and arrangements have been made for them to occupy the new City Hall on Sunday evening, the 7th of that month; and probably the Monday evening following, they will address the children, which they have a happy faculty of doing.

A fire broke out in the store of E. P. Dinmore, in "Arcade Row" Lewiston on Sunday evening about 9 o'clock. It was subdued before destroying the building—but Mr. Dinmore suffered a loss of most of his stock, and the adjacent stores and stocks of S. Smith, Jordan & Little, A. O. Morgan, G. G. Moody, G. F. Sykes and Brooks & Chamberlain, were more or less damaged by fire, smoke, water or breakage. There was insurance on most of the property.

Among the proceedings of the Legislature, will be noticed the passage of an act "To incorporate the Portland and Machias Steamship Company." It is expected that, as early as possible, a fine steamer will be placed on the route from Portland to Machias, touching at Rockland, Camden, Belfast, Castine, Ellsworth, Mr. Desart, and perhaps some other ports, so as to accommodate the traveling public on the eastern seaboard of our State. This will be a great convenience to the western section and the shore towns.—Bangor Weekly.

That "National Banner." Mr. Editor:—Your readers will doubtless remember that last July Miss Delphine P. Baker made her appearance in this city for the purpose of canvassing for the National Banner, not the Stars and Stripes, but the paper printed at Washington, of which she was editor.

At that time she obtained quite a number of subscribers, both in and out of the city, representing to them that fifty per cent. of the funds obtained was to be appropriated to the benefit of soldiers' orphans.

These subscribers supposed that they would receive the next number issued after they subscribed; but after some delay they were told that the paper would be sent to new subscribers in September. But September passed away; and late in October the paper was received, with the assurance that it would come regularly after that time. Well, late in November another copy came, three quarters of which was merely a reprint of the October number. December passed and no paper came, but it was said that it would come out the first of January as a weekly paper. January is nearly gone, and the paper has not made its appearance yet. Probably it was so very scarce.

Now if anybody can inform us, we would like to know what has become of the paper, or, what is more important, the money that was paid to Miss Baker and her agents. We are content to let her answer the fault is on her or some other persons; and we would like to know, too, whether the soldiers' orphans have derived any benefit from the money she has received.

An answer to these queries will oblige E. FLORIANUS TUM.

A FAVORITE LUNG AND THROAT REMEDY. From long experience and personal knowledge, we take pleasure in calling attention to the purifications under Special Notices, of the standard remedy for Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, &c., known as "Pulmonary Balsam."

It has now fully attained an unprecedented reputation of nearly 40 years, and its recommendations are of the strongest and most reliable character. An article which has achieved such signal success from its merits, and won the favorable notice of the most distinguished among all classes, is surely entitled to the confidence of all who have occasion to use a remedy for pulmonary complaints.

Its proprietors are Messrs. Reed, Cutler & Co., the well known druggists of this city. They are above deception or quackery, and depend upon the acknowledged virtues of this preparation for its sale; and one great object of their advertisement is to caution the public against the many worthless medicines often palmed off under the pretext of being the same or something just as good.

If persons would use the same discrimination in buying this class of goods, where matters of life or death are involved, that they do in matters of minor importance, and judge more from the character of the goods than from the name, instead of being influenced by the flaming placards stuck all over the country, and thrust upon us from every corner of the streets, there would be much less prejudice against this class of goods, and much less danger to the health and life of the people.

Pulmonary Balsam is pre-eminently—[Boston Traveller, Dec. 14, 1863.]

Advertisements are requested to hand in their specimens as far as possible, before one o'clock in the afternoon.

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## SPECIAL NOTICES.

To cure a cough, hoarseness, or any disease of the throat and lungs use Howe's Cough Pills. Sold by H. H. Hay, Portland, and by druggists generally.

HEADQUARTERS DRAFT REVENUE, Portland, Me., January 28, 1864.

The streets of Portland will be patrolled each night by a Guard from "Camp Berry," and all persons wearing the uniform of the United States soldier will be arrested, and they can show proper authority for being absent from their commands.

Soldiers thus arrested, and belonging to proper commands, will be sent to the Provost Marshal, to be returned to their regiments as deserters. Soldiers wearing the uniform of the U. S. soldier will be subject to the Provost Marshal.

By order of B. R. G. ROWLEY, Chief of Police, 1st Lieut. A. A. C. A. G. W. Jan 28

The Patent Belle Motte Shirt. A full assortment of this new style shirt, at Anderson's Hoop Shirt and Corset Depot, under Mechanics' Hall.

GREAT DISCOVERY.—A new and improved preparation that will STICK PATENT LINDING TO Boots and Shoes sufficient to hold them together.

Will effectually mend Furniture, Crochery Toys, and all articles of household use, having a Boot and Shoe Makers, Manufacturers and Machinists, and Families.

Will it be valuable? It will effectually stop the leakage of water in oil or water.

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# MATTERS ABOUT TOWN.

**Supreme Judicial Court.**  
JANUARY TERM—DAVIS, J., PRESIDING.  
WEDNESDAY.—In the case of J. C. Woodman vs. Wm. Hatch et al., the jury returned a verdict for defendants.

No. 302—William P. Merrill vs. First Free Will Baptist Society of Portland.  
Assumpsit to recover a balance of \$862.03, alleged to be due plaintiff for services as Pastor of said Society for three and a half years. The plaintiff claims \$800 for the first year, \$1000 each for the next two succeeding years, and \$400 for the last six months of his ministry.

The defendants say that plaintiff was hired to preach for one year from Dec. 13th, 1887, at \$800; also for another year, from Dec. 13th, 1888, at \$1000; also for one year, from Dec. 13th, 1889, at \$800. That before the expiration of this last year, to wit, Oct. 20, 1890, plaintiff resigned, and his resignation was accepted and his services ceased—and that for all his services during the time aforesaid he has been fully paid. That after his resignation he was never employed by the Society, and, therefore, they are not indebted to him for the sum of \$400, as alleged in the fourth item of the account annexed to the writ, and that for all his services he has been fully paid.

After the testimony was all out, the case was withdrawn from the jury, and, without argument, submitted to the presiding Judge, who took the papers and will render his decision hereafter.

J. H. Williams, J. H. Drummond, E. & F. Fox.

**Municipal Court—Jan. 27.**

George W. St. John and Godfrey Cooper, the lads who broke into the Park street school-house, on Sunday, the 7th instant, were brought up for examination. They pleaded not guilty. J. O'Donnell Esq., appeared as their counsel. They were adjudged guilty. Cooper was sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars and costs which he paid. St. John was sentenced to the Reform School during his minority. From this judgment he appealed to the S. J. Court and gave bail to prosecute his appeal.

Benj. W. Pease, the lad who committed mischief in the Park street schoolhouse last Saturday, was adjudged guilty. As the lad was quite young and as the School Committee were of the opinion that he was led away by older lads, he was let off with an admonition.

Frank Kane on a search and seizure process was fined \$20 and costs, which he paid.

**29TH REGIMENT OF VETERANS.—An order**

was received at Augusta Tuesday for the departure of the 29th Maine Regiment, Col. Beal, from that place to-day, to embark at this city for New Orleans. This order was countermanded yesterday afternoon, and, therefore, they will not leave Augusta to-day.

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